

Crime in Slovenia in 2013

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The paper provides some statistics on crime tackled by Slovenia's police and highlights the developments and factors that were significant to police work. Analysis of statistical data reveals considerable differences in terms of crime-related indicators in 2013 compared to 2012. In 2013, the police dealt with a total of 93,833 criminal offences (91,430 in 2012), which is a record high in official crime statistics. Such a high crime rate was partly due to an increase in economic and property crime. Economic crime rose by 27.1% and it accounted for 17.4% in the context of overall crime statistics. In 2013, 17.9% more financial investigations were conducted, cyber crime was up by 72.5% (increase from 131 to 226 cases), and the number of criminal complaints filed against persons rose from 45 to 125.

The prosecution of economic and financial crime and corruption was one of the major police priorities. The police dealt with 16,333 economic offences (12,853 in 2012) resulting in damages of 288.7 (449.5) million euros. Following financial investigations, the police filed 150 (135) motions with the State Prosecutor's Office for confiscation of proceeds of crime amounting to a total of 131.3 (179.3) million euros.

It has been noted that organised crime groups coming to Slovenia from the Southeast Balkans in order to commit criminal offences play an increasingly important role in property crime, which rose by 3.7%. The police solved 25.3% (23.9%) of property crime cases. In 2013, the police achieved a slightly better rate of success in terms of crime detection and investigation than in 2012. The share of criminal offences detected by the police through their own activity rose from 12.1% to 12.6%, and the share of cleared-up offences rose from 46.8% to 47.2%.

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